Relief measures in Jagalur Taluk.

Q.—130. Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that acute distress conditions are prevailing in the Taluk of Jagalur particularly in areas of red soil due to the failure of rains;

(*b*) whether the raiyats have not been representing to the Government for the remission of land revenue:

(*c*) what measures they propose to adopt to relieve the acute distress conditions?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) It is reported that a number of villages, where the red soil is predominant, are affected by drought conditions due to failure of rains.

(*b*) Yes. Representations have been received for remission of land revenue due to drought conditions consequent on the failure of rains.

Out of 95 villages in the taluk, where red soil is predominant, action is being taken to remit dry assessment aggregating to Rs. 11,129 and suspend an equal amount in respect of 78 villages.

(*c*) Eight Distress Relief Works at an aggregate cost of Rs. 17,400 have already been started to provide labour to the needy people at convenient centres in distress areas.

An additional list of 33 works at an estimated cost of about Rs. 50,000 to provide employment to persons in the affected parts of the taluk is under consideration.

Village Panchayet works at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,212 have already been started considering the funds at the credit of the several Village Panchayets.

2. Remission and suspension of land revenue. [*Vide* reply to clause (*b*) above].

3. *Distribution of foodgrains.*—Including the two Government depots, there are at present 12 fair price depots in the taluk for distribution of foodgrains, and adequate supplies of foodgrains are being made to the rural folk in the affected parts. In case of necessity, the Amildar will be instructed to open additional depots wherever necessary.

4. Liberal grant of Takavi Loans and Subsidies for sinking irrigation wells.

5. Arrangements are being made to open free distribution of milk and gruel centres in the drought areas. Clothes are also being distributed through Red Cross Agency to the needy people.

A Bridge across the Hemavathi at Mandagere.

Q.—137. Sri S. M. LINGAPPA (Krishnarajpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have received any representations so far from the people of Krishnarajpet Taluk, praying the Government to construct a bridge across the river Hemavati at Mandagere;

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It was proposed to include the work among the development schemes of the State, but it has not been possible to do so.

Relief measures in scarcity areas in Chikmagalur District.

Q.—169. Sri Y. M. CHANDRASEKHARAIAH (Kadur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have treated certain parts in the State which had no rains last year as scarcity areas;